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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: UR, CH
SUBJECT: PRC APPROACH TO EXPAND MILITARY CONTACTS

1. ACTING SENIOR CHINESE MILITARY ATTACHE TU KUAN-I
RECENTLY ASKED PAKISTAN MILITARY ATTACHE TO APPROACH
DATT AND CONVEY CHINESE DESIRE TO ESTABLISH "INFORMAL
AND SOCIAL CONTACTS" WITH U.S. MILITARY ATTACHES.
ACCORDING TO PAKISTAN MILITARY ATTACHE, TU SUGGESTED
THAT U.S. MILITARY ATTACHES CALL ON CHINESE
COUNTERPARTS FIRST. CHINESE ATTACHES WOULD THEN RETURN
CALLS. TU STATED THAT THESE "OFFICE" AND SUBSEQUENT
BILATERAL SOCIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND CHINESE
ATTACHES WOULD OPEN UP HIGHLY DESIRABLE AVENUES OF
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2. IN RESPONSE TO CHINESE SUGGESTION, I INFORMED
DATT TO TELL TU (WHOM HE MEETS REGULARLY AT THIRD
PARTY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS) THAT, AS SOON AS THE RECENTLY
ARRIVED CHINESE AMBASSADOR MADE THE APPROPRIATE PROTO-
COLARY CALL ON ME, AND I RETURNED THE CALL, THEN ALL

ELEMENTS OF OUR EMBASSIES COULD BROADEN THEIR DIRECT CONTACTS.

3. DATT INFORMED TU OF MY RESPONSE AT THIRD PARTY SOCIAL FUNCTION. TU SEEMED FRUSTRATED BY RESPONSE AND ASKED DATT WHY CONTACTS BETWEEN ATTACHES COULD NOT BE TREATED SEPARATELY. DATT RESPONDED THAT U.S. MISSION WORKS AS A UNIT.

4. COMMENT: I AM WELL AWARE THAT U.S. MILITARY ATTACHES RECENTLY HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY APPROACHED BY PRC COUNTER-PARTS IN OTHER CAPITALS AND THAT CONTACTS LIMITED TO THAT TRACK HAVE BEEN PERMITTED. HOWEVER, I FEEL STRONGLY FOR SEVERAL REASONS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH BEING THE NATURE OF SINO-SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS AND THE GOLDFISH BOWL IN WHICH WE OPERATE HERE, WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE CHINESE TO CALL THE SHOTS BY LIMITING EXPANDED CONTACTS TO THE MILITARY CIRCUIT. TOON

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